

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/711,386	MILLS ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Stephen A. Holzen	3644	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to after final amendment filed on 12/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-8,10-17,41 and 42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application                      |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Evelyn Sommer on 1/11/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Claim 1 now reads:** "A cabin crew area of an aircraft comprising:

a single level aft area comprising a plurality of galley carts;

at least one galley storage unit residing in said aft area and storing said plurality of galley carts,

said galley storage unit having a fore/aft depth that is approximately equal to the depth of two or more of said plurality of galley carts;

a main counter residing over said at least one galley storage unit and extending laterally across the cabin crew area of the aircraft, and coupled to and between a starboard wall and a port wall of the aircraft

two doorway counters extending at least partially in two doorway areas,

said two doorway counters are coupled to said main counter,

wherein one of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme port side of said main counter, and wherein the other of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme starboard side of said main counter.”

**Claim 5, line 2:** the phrase “said galley-servicing area” is changed to “said aft area”

**Claim 8 now reads:** “An aircraft having a cabin crew area comprising:

a single level galley-servicing area comprising;

at least one galley storage unit storing a plurality of galley carts and having a fore/aft depth that is approximately equal to the depth of two or more of said plurality of galley carts;

a main counter residing over said galley storage unit, extending laterally across the cabin crew area of the aircraft, and coupled to and between a starboard wall and a port wall of the aircraft;

two doorway counters extending at least partially in two doorway areas,

said two doorway counters are coupled to said main counter,

wherein one of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme port side of said main counter, and wherein the other of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme starboard side of said main counter.”

**Claim 10, line 2:** the phrase “said at least one doorway counter section” is changed to

“at least one of said two doorway counters”

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**Claim 11, lines 3-4:** the phrase “at least one doorway counter section, said at least one doorway counter section” is changed to “at least one of said two doorway counters, at least one of said two doorway counters”

**Claim 14, line 2:** the word “section” is changed to “sectioning”

**Claim 41 new reads:** “A cabin crew area of an aircraft comprising:  
a single level aft area comprising a plurality of galley carts;  
at least one galley storage unit residing in said aft area and storing said plurality of galley carts,  
said at least one galley storage unit configured for placement of at least a portion of said plurality of galley carts in a lateral row in a forward section of said aft area;  
a main counter residing over said at least one galley storage unit and extending laterally across a galley-servicing area of the aircraft;  
two doorway counters extending at least partially in two doorway areas,  
said two doorway counters are coupled to said main counter,  
wherein one of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme port side of said main counter, and wherein the other of said two doorway counters is substantially located at the extreme starboard side of said main counter.”

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**Claim 42, lines 2-3:** The phrase “said at least one doorway counter, said at least one doorway counter section” is changed to “at least one of said two doorway counters, at least one of said two doorway counters”

The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a single level countertop having two folding counter in a doorway area.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen A. Holzen whose telephone number is 571-272-6903. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Teri Luu can be reached on 571-272-7045. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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